

# General News of the Week

## A Brief Summary of Happenings in the State, the Nation and the World

### STATE.

**Nacogdoches.**—The Watson House is destroyed by fire and the guests have a narrow escape from death in the fire. The loss is about \$8000.

**Houston.**—Charles Heim, candy manufacturer and jobber, files a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities \$30,000.

**El Paso.**—C. W. Kellogg, general manager of the Stone Webster Street Railroad properties, has received the appointment as manager for the Stone-Webster Company's security department at Dallas. Mr. Kellogg will leave for Dallas immediately.

**Yoakum.**—The storm of last Sunday seems to have been almost of cyclonic velocity a few miles south of Yoakum, as late reports are to the effect that many buildings were wrecked by the violent wind.

**Ballinger.**—Owing to the rapid increase of the population of Ballinger and the consequent crowded condition of the schools, a new bond issue of \$25,000 will be voted on in the near future.

**Eagle Pass.**—In a fire which consumed the big barn of W. E. Miller, at the Rosita Ranch, a \$1000 stallion and a \$600 Kentucky Jack were burned to death. A number of buggies and many sets of harness were also consumed and the loss is estimated at \$5,000.

**Fort Worth.**—The big building of the J. C. Madden glass factory, is totally burned down. The loss is \$66,000 and many factory hands are thrown out of employment.

**Jasper.**—Claude Golden, a Negro, is hanged for a criminal assault committed on a young white girl in July, 1908. Golden denies his guilt on the scaffold.

**El Campo.**—The L. Cummings barn two miles East of town and the Anton Reitz barn in El Campo are both burned. The fires are thought to be of incendiary origin and a hunt is being made for the firebug.

**Laredo.**—Lincoln's birthday was honored at Laredo by the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes over all the public buildings and many of the business houses. The Mexican flag was hoisted at the Mexican consulate.

**Houston.**—J. D. Cameron of Kansas City buys 500,000 acres of land on Devil's River and proposes to put an irrigation plant in operation and water the entire tract. The cash consideration was in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

**Granger.**—Louis Kopesky is burned fatally in a fire which entirely consumed the home of Martin Kopesky, a Bohemian farmer.

**Hearne.**—Deb Wilson is shot while in Beverly's restaurant and will not recover. Albert Dodson is under arrest.

**Tyler.**—A fire which started on the second floor of Bryan's book store, results in a conflagration which destroys \$15,000 worth of property.

**Brady.**—The Commissioner's Court turns down a proposition for the sale of the McCullough County school lands, and leases them for a term of five years.

**Greenville.**—A Missouri, Kansas & Texas freight train catches fire, and a carload of 22 beef cattle are burned to death.

**Brownwood.**—An unknown man is shot from ambush on the road to Rising Star. The murdered man is about 45 years of age and was traveling in a buggy. Sheriff Emlison is out with a pack of bloodhounds on the trail of the murderer.

**Floresville.**—Local option and school elections are ordered by the Commissioners' Court.

**Wichita Falls.**—Two Fort Worth & Denver trains collide. J. J. Lee, B. H. Connor and R. H. Cook are badly injured.

**Dallas.**—E. H. R. Green has placed an order for one of the Wright Bros. Aeroplanes. The machine will be in Dallas in time for the State Fair.

**Austin.**—Senate will thoroughly investigate the charges preferred by Senator Thomas against some of the members of the Lobbying committees.

### DOMESTIC.

**Nashville.**—The trial of Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J.

Cooper, on a charge of killing former Senator E. W. Carmack, is now in progress. Attorneys for the accused claim the killing was in self-defense and the prosecution has produced several witnesses to disprove this theory.

**Washington.**—It is positively stated that Philander C. Knox will be Secretary of State under William H. Taft. Judge Willis M. Vanderventer of Wyoming will be Secretary of the Treasury.

**Washington.**—It is very probable that one-half of the naval force will be stationed off the Pacific coast.

**New Orleans.**—Judge Checton holds that the law applying to the running of saloons within three miles of a church or school, does not apply to saloons which were in business before the passage of the law.

**Washington.**—It is not believed that the Mexico and Arizona Statehood bills will be reported this session.

**Montclair, N. J.**—The church people of Montclair are about to open up what is known as a "church saloon." This establishment will be run on a plan similar to the one sanctioned by the late Bishop Potter in New York. Besides carrying spirituous liquors, a full supply of temperance drinks will be on hand, as well as coffee and light refreshments.

**Washington.**—In a special report, called forth by late criticisms, Government engineers endorse the lock system of canal as used in the Panama project.

**Washington.**—A measure now before the House, provides for an appropriation to be used in raising the ill-fated battleship Maine. It is further proposed to bury the bodies of the sailors, who went down with the ship, in Arlington cemetery.

**Washington.**—It has been suggested that Fort Clark be turned into a State tuberculosis hospital. The idea is gaining ground and the Federal authorities may offer the State of Texas the entire Fort Clark reservation in consideration of the State supporting the fort as a State hospital.

**Sacramento, Cal.**—A bill is passed by the assembly which prohibits minors attending races, cock fights or prize fights and fixes the penalty at \$50 fine and twenty-five days in jail for the owners of places where the minors are caught.

**Raleigh, N. C.**—The House passes a child labor bill which prohibits women and children from working more than sixty-four hours in each week.

**Cleveland.**—A young man named Ashton Zoller, claims that an operation on his tooth has made a new man of him. Previous to the operation, Zoller had a continual desire to assault some one. Now he is perfectly sane and a good citizen.

**Pittsburg.**—W. W. Ramsey, the former bank president, who was arrested on charges of bribery, has been found guilty.

**Kansas City.**—L. M. Jones of the Jones Dry Goods Company, is held up by a man who claims that he is from Dallas, Texas. The Texas man tried to force Mr. Jones to give up \$7,000 in cash but was unsuccessful.

**Cincinnati.**—The heaviest mortgage ever placed on record in Campbell County, is filed by the Chesapeake & Ohio Company to the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. The amount is \$30,000,000, and covers all the property of the company in the County.

**Washington.**—The naval bill carrying appropriations of \$136,000,000 passes the Senate.

**Washington.**—Indictments are returned against the editors and proprietors of the New York World in the case of the alleged Panama purchase libel suit. Bench warrants have been issued for Joseph Pulitzer, Robert H. Lyman, Caleb M. Van Ham and Robert H. Lyman of the New York World and also for Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams of the Indianapolis News.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—Mrs. Lemp secures a divorce from William J. Lemp, the millionaire brewer. Only \$6000 a year alimony is granted but Mrs. Lemp is given the custody of the only child.

**Washington.**—Preparations are being made for the inaugural ceremonies on March 4 and Washington is already taking on a holiday aspect. It is estimated that the ceremonies will cost \$150,000.

## HOUSE READY TO QUIT MARCH 13

### TAME WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS IN BOTH BRANCHES

Early Adjournment in Sight With Submission Safely Stowed in Junk Heap.

The most important work of the Legislature during the week closing today was the adoption of a resolution by the House, providing for sine die adjournment on March 13. The resolution goes to the Senate for concurrence, and will doubtless be adopted, as Senators apparently are no more amorous to work for \$2 a day than are the honorable Representatives.

The principal work of the House during the week was devoted to the consideration of local bills, with which the body appears to be inundated.

The anti-race betting bill, by a very decided majority, was passed by the House and has a rocky road to travel before the Senate.

Though the Senate, on Thursday, passed to engrossment the Submission bill, the event occasioned but little interest. The question of Submission now seems to be off the boards in so far as this Legislature is concerned, giving a clear track for general legislation. Mr. Strong has said he thought "they" would give "us" Submission, thereby indicating that the Submission forces would press the matter no further.

Representative C. H. Jenkins, chairman of the Submission caucus, is quoted as saying that the Submission resolution would not be called up in the House unless it appeared that enough votes had changed to make it worth while to have another roll call upon the proposition. Asked if he had any hope that there would be such a change of votes, he answered:

"Not unless we should pass some bills limiting the liquor traffic which would be more distasteful to the Antis than is the Submission resolution."

Mr. Jenkins mentioned Senator Brachfield's bill to restrict the sale of liquor to quantities of one gallon or more, as a measure, the enactment of which might bring the Antis into a frame of mind where they would accept Submission. Of course, this could be undone, if the Antis should submit. However, it may be said that the Submission leaders entertain little hope that they shall be able to enact the Brachfield bill or any similar measure. Also, they have little hope that any Legislator who has voted against Submission will change his vote, for, it is inconceivable that any reasonable excuse could now be given for such a flop.

Despite the fact, that the Prohibitionists and Retrogressionists are in control of both branches of the Legislature, it is not apprehended that they will be able to enact any drastic or hostile legislation. A militant minority in both Houses, with able leaders in control, appears to hold the boards, and while unable to repeal or modify certain obnoxious statutes now in force, are sufficiently able to defeat new legislation along the same lines.



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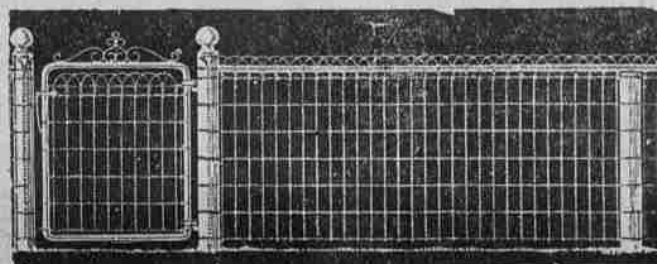
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